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1. The civil airport on the northern edge of VORONEZH (39°12'E/
51°38'N) (Moscow MD), about 1,650 feet from the tank plant,
had an administration building with a rotating searchlight.
Twelve to fifteen biplanes and five or six twin-engine commer-
cial aircraft with cabin windows were usually parked at the
field. Flying with commercial and courier aircraft was ob-
served all day long. Every half hour an aircraft took off or
landed at the field. *
2. The military field, about 3,300 feet square, located on the
western edge of the town, sloped to the south. The skeleton
structures of several hangars were observed on the edge of
the field. The following aircraft were stationed at the
field:
 - a. Single-engine fighters, rather plump looking, radial en-
gine with three-bladed propeller, low-wing monoplane, land-
ing gear retracting inward, retractable tail wheel, antenna
rod aft of cockpit with antenna wire connected to tail assemb-
ly.
 - b. Twin-engine aircraft similar to the Me-110, slim and
elegant, crew of at least three (two in glazed cockpit, one
in glazed nose compartment). From the rear of the cockpit
pointing backward and from the nose compartment pointing
downward there projected one machine gun each. The two
engines extended beyond the leading edge of the wing, and were partly
underslung with the wings partly mounted in them. The landing gear
retracted outward. The craft was fitted with double rudder assembly. **2
3. The following flying activities were observed over the mili-
tary field:

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a. individual and formation flying with the single- and twin-engine aircraft.

b. firing of the single-engine aircraft at air sleeves towed by the twin-engine planes.

c. individual parachute jumps from biplanes flying at altitudes of from 1,650 to 3,300 feet. The parachutists allowed themselves to fall as far as 660 feet before the parachutes opened.**2

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Comment:

* The data on the civil airport confirmed previous information.

**1,2 The observations made at the military field confirmed its occupation by bombers and fighters of Pe-2 and La-9 types. In some reports dating from 1949 it was stated that the fighters were no longer stationed at the field, but were transferred to a neighboring field. For the combined maneuvers, the fighters took off from a different field. However, a previous report confirmed the presence of fighters at the field for the spring of 1949. Further information is required to clarify the picture.

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